

1776.

# PROCEEDINGS of CONVENTION.

## POST MERIDIE M.

Convention met. Mr. H. Wilson and Mr. Ringgold appeared in the house.

On motion; **RESOLVED**, That no civil officer or delegate to congress be appointed, unless there shall be a majority of the members present in his favour.

The convention proceeded to ballot for a council of safety, and John Hall, George Plater, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Charles Grahame, Joseph Nicholson, Nicholas Thomas, William Rumsey, and James Tilghman, Esquires, were elected.

Convention adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 11, 1776.

**C**ONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Fenwick, Mr. B. Mac-kall, Mr. Gustavus Scott, and Mr. George Scott. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

**RESOLVED**, That if any inhabitant of this state shall, after the first day of December next, within or without this state, or any person whatsoever shall, within this state, after the said first day of December next, forge or counterfeit any of the certificates, bills or notes of the continental loan-office, or alter the sum expressed in any of the said certificates, bills or notes, or shall offer, or cause to be offered, in payment, any such counterfeit, forged or altered certificate, bill or note, knowing the same to be counterfeit, forged or altered, and shall be thereof convicted by a petit jury, after a presentment by a grand jury, in the general court, or shall stand mute, or peremptorily challenge above the number of twenty of the pannel, he shall suffer death as a felon, without benefit of clergy.

Mr. Horsey and Mr. Dickinson have leave of absence.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

## POST MERIDIE M.

Convention met.

The journal of accounts was read and assented to.

**ORDERED**, That the treasurer of the western shore pay the several claims allowed in the same.

Mr. Grahame informs the convention that his bad state of health will not permit him to attend his duty as a member of the council of safety, and therefore begs leave to resign, and resigns accordingly. Thereupon the convention proceeded to the choice of another in his stead, and Thomas Contee, Esquire, was elected.

**RESOLVED**, That the declaration of rights and the constitution and form of government be immediately printed, and that twenty-two copies be immediately sent to each of the counties by express, three of which copies for each of the delegates of this convention, two of the said copies for each of the judges appointed to hold the next elections, and two of the said copies for each of the persons who shall be chosen an elector of the senate; and that as soon as conveniently may be, the journal of the proceedings of this convention be printed, and two copies be transmitted to each of the members of this convention.

**RESOLVED**, That this convention adjourn to the twenty-eighth day of this instant, and the council of safety may, if they think proper, call the convention to meet before that day.

Signed by order of the convention,

MATTHEW TILGHMAN, President.

True copy, G. DUVALL, clerk.

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, convened by the COUNCIL of SAFETY, and begun and held at the city of ANNAPOLIS, on Wednesday the fifth of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, and ended the 20th day of April: The following laws were enacted.

THOMAS JOHNSON, Esq; Governor.

## C H A P. I.

An ACT for laying the levy in Anne-Arundel county.

The list of taxables for several of the hundreds not having been returned, and of course the levy not being yet laid, this act empowers any three justices, with all convenient speed, to hold a court, and to appoint constables, or other persons, to take lists of taxables in those hundreds, or parts of hundreds, where lists have not been taken. Upon the return of such lists, the court is to apportion the levy, in the collection of which the sheriff is to proceed as he is directed by former laws; and there are to be the same penalties inflicted on the concealers of taxables as are prescribed by those laws.

If the levy for any other county hath not been laid, for the last year, any three justices of such county are authorized, immediately to meet and to lay it in the same manner as they might have done at the last November court.

C H A P.